

REMARKS

The Office Action dated April 10, 2008, has been received and carefully noted. The following remarks are submitted as a full and complete response thereto.

The Examiner Nguyen is thanked for his courtesy extended to Applicants' representative during a telephone interview and telephone communications conducted on August 5 and 7. Based on the interview result, Claim 1 has been amended accordingly and Applicants provide arguments in the following Remarks.

By the foregoing amendments, Claim 3 has been canceled without prejudice and Claim 1 has been amended. Support for the amendment can be found in the specification at, for example, page 8, line 25 to page 10, line 21. No new matter has been introduced.

In the Office Action, Claims 1-4 and 6-7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,781,990 to Seidler et al. ("Seidler") and Claims 4 and 5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Seidler in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,267,385 to Okamoto et al. ("Okamoto"). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection for at least the following reason(s).

Claim 1 recites a process for mounting a plurality of parts to a cable including feeding the cable into a cable-cutting and imprinting machine, marking the cable with information for mounting each of the parts on the cable, the cable being a single unbroken member, the information including mounted positions of each of the parts on the cable, the mounted positions of each of the parts being intermediate between opposite longitudinal ends of the cable in a state where the cable is used, cutting the

cable to a predetermined length when the cable fed into the cable-cutting and imprinting machine reaches the predetermined length, and thereafter mounting each of the parts on the cable at a corresponding mounted position marked on the cable.

Seidler is to produce the sequence of interconnected cables. As described in the Abstract, the insulations of the cables are stripped off between the cables, and the cable future break points are semi-welded by ultrasonic waves and notched so that they can be easily separated from each other by bending rupture joints formed at the notched step. As admitted by the Examiner during the telephone interview, Seidler fails to teach or suggest a single unbroken cable that is marked with information for mounting each of the parts on the cable.

In addition, Seidler fails to teach or suggest that the step of cutting the cable to a predetermined length when the cable fed into the cable-cutting and imprinting machine reaches the predetermined length is carried out after the step of marking, as recited in amended Claim 1.

During subsequent telephone communications after the interview, the Examiner indicated that Claim 1, as amended, is allowable over the cited art.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 1-4 and 6-7 are not anticipated by Seidler and are allowable over Seidler based on the distinguishable differences as described above.

With respect to Claims 4-5, Okamoto does not cure the basic deficiencies of Seidler as noted above. Consequently, Claims 4 and 5 that depend from Claim 1 are

allowable over Seidler in view of Okamoto for reasons stated above and at least due to their dependency from allowable independent claim.

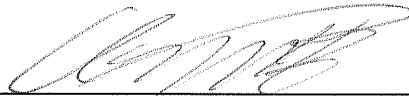
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration of the application, withdrawal of the outstanding rejections, allowance of Claims 1-7, and the prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowability are respectfully solicited.

Should the Examiner believe anything further is desirable in order to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension, together with any additional fees that may be due with respect to this paper, may be charged to counsel's Deposit Account No. 01-2300, **referencing docket number 107348.00358.**

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